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C O N F I D E N T I A L WELLINGTON 3616

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: MNUC, NZ  
SUBJECT: CRITICISM OF ANCHORAGE FOR U.S.S. LONG BEACH

REF: WELLINGTON 3597 (DTG 250202Z SEP 76)

1. IN ADDITION TO PRESS REPORTS THAT "PEACE SQUADRON" WILL ATTEMPT TO PREVENT LONG BEACH FROM ENTERING AUCKLAND HARBOR BY PLACING SMALL BOATS IN RANGITOTO CHANNEL, MEDIA HAVE CARRIED CRITICAL REMARKS BY AN AUCKLAND HARBOR PILOT REGARDING ANCHORAGE SELECTED FOR LONG BEACH.

2. PILOT REFERRED TO EXTRA HAZARDS INTRODUCED BY ANCHORING VESSEL WITH CHARACTERISTICS OF LONG BEACH IN A TIDEWAY AT ENTRANCE OF BUSY PORT WITH LIMITING DEPTH ON EITHER HAND. HE SAID SAFE ANCHORAGE WOULD BE MOTUIHE POWDER GROUND OR A GULF ANCHORAGE: TO USE ANOTHER LOCATION WOULD ONLY BE PAYING "LIP SERVICE TO THE SPECIAL CODE WHICH HAS BEEN DRAWN UP TO DEAL WITH THIS KIND OF VESSEL" AND "SAFETY, NOT POLITICAL EXPEDIENCY, SHOULD BE PLACED AHEAD OF ALL OTHER CONSIDERATIONS."

3. COMMENT (BEGIN CONFIDENTIAL): NEITHER NEW ZEALAND NAVY NOR GNZ HAS EXPRESSED ANY CONCERN ABOUT CONFIDENTIAL

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SAFETY OF AUCKLAND HARBOR ANCHORAGE SELECTED FOR LONG

BEACH. THUS, VIEWS EXPRESSED BY PILOT APPEAR GREATLY  
OVERDRAWN. WITH RESPECT TO THREAT THAT SMALL BOATS  
MIGHT ATTEMPT TO BLOCK HARBOR ENTRANCE, IT WILL BE  
RECALLED THAT SIMILAR THREATS ACCOMPANIED VISIT TO  
WELLINGTON BY USS TRUXTUN. THESE THREATS CAME TO  
NOTHING. HOWEVER, AT THE SAME TIME WE WILL CONTINUE TO REPORT  
ANY DEVELOPMENTS THAT MAY AFFECT THE FORTHCOMING VISIT  
OF LONG BEACH.  
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